

## Press Clippings for 1/12/2023

### – Kane County Connects –

#### Martin Luther King, Jr. Events in Kane County

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By Kane County Connects Staff

A number of events will be held in Kane County to honor the legacy of Martin Luther King, Jr.

In the City of Aurora on January 16, the 38th Annual Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Commemoration will be held at 6 p.m. at East Aurora High School, 500 Tomcat Lane, Aurora. The event will feature youth performances, the presentation of the 2023 Donna J. Williams Service Awards and special remarks from Star Jones, an attorney, best-selling author, Emmy-nominated TV host, and the first Black person to have a court-television show.

In addition, Aurora Mayor Richard C. Irvin will present the 2023 Service Above Self Award to students or youth groups who honor the life of Dr. Martin Luther King and his commitment to community service, justice and equity.

In the City of Elgin, the 2023 Dr. King Family Event, a film screening of "Invented Before You Were Born", will be held on January 15 from 4-6 p.m. in the **Larkin High School** Auditorium, 1475 Larkin Ave.

In addition, the 38th Annual Prayer Breakfast will be held January 14 at 8:30 a.m. at Elgin Community College, Building E, 1700 Spartan Drive, Elgin.

### – Daily Herald –

#### Former high school volleyball coach faces child pornography charges

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By Susan Sarkauskas

*A previous version gave an incorrect time period for the alleged online relationship.*

A former coach for the **Bartlett High School volleyball program** has been charged with possession of child pornography.

Gyula F. Finlon, 25, of the 200 block of North President Street in Wheaton, had an online relationship with a 17-year-old girl, DuPage County Assistant State's Attorney Grace Barsanti told Judge Michael Reidy Wednesday.

During their video chats, she removed her top. Without her knowledge, Finlon captured pictures and shared the photographs with a friend, Barsanti said.

Police have not found any evidence that Finlon interacted with **Bartlett High** students, Barsanti said.

The victim lives in Russia, Barsanti said.

Finlon faces four charges of disseminating child pornography and two counts of possession of child pornography. The charging documents allege that he possessed and disseminated the photographs between Oct. 22, 2020, and Jan. 4.

Reidy set bail at \$75,000. Barsanti asked bail to be set at \$150,000, and a public defender requested \$10,000. To be freed pretrial, Finlon would have to post \$7,500.

If he posts bail, he will have to wear a GPS monitor and stay in his home. He is prohibited from being around people under the age of 18, except for supervised contact with his 4-month-old child.

Barsanti said Finlon was a part-time coach at **Bartlett** until December 2022. But a spokesman for the **Elgin U-46 school district** said Finlon only worked during the 2021-2022 school year. Before that, he served in the Army, she said.

# – Daily Herald –

## **Cook County boys basketball notes: Meadows' title at York highlights area holiday finishers**

**Jan. 11, 2023**

**By Dick Quagliano**

There are still some Christmas presents remaining from holiday tournaments as area teams are back in school.

Rolling Meadows came away as the biggest winner during the Holiday tournaments. The Mustangs were impressive in winning the Jack Tosh York tournament.

Meadows won all five games in the 32-team tournament en route to their first championship. The Mustangs won all their games by double digits. They did have to come from behind to beat Glenbrook South and ended up knocking off the Titans by 10 points.

Cameron Christie was the tournament MVP. He Averaged 26.4 points, 7.4 rebounds and 3 assists. Mark Nikolich-Wilson averaged 13.6 points, Ian Miletic 8.4 points and Foster Ogbonna 6.8 rebounds.

Nikolich-Wilson and Tsvet Sotirov, who returned to play after missing four games with an injury, were named to the all-tournament team.

Meadows (14-2) came back and lost on a last-second shot to state-ranked Joliet West last Saturday.

Also at the Tosh was Palatine. The Pirates won their first two games with wins over Wheaton North and Yorkville before losing to tournament runner-up Lyons and Riverside-Brookfield.

Connor May had a great tournament, averaging 26 points per game. That earned May a place on the all-tournament team. It also earned May, who is a junior, an offer from Lewis University.

Palatine (12-5) had a tough return to regular-season action when they lost to crosstown-rival Fremd last week and beat Hersey in double overtime on Tuesday.

Conant also went 2-2 at the Tosh. The Cougars had a roller coaster type tournament. They won their opener with Andrew, lost to Lemont and York and beat Waubonsie Valley in their final game.

Camden Lathos averaged 14.8 points and scored 21 points in the Cougars' final game. Brad Biedke averaged 11.8 points.

Conant (8-7) came back to beat Schaumburg last week and lost to Prospect on Tuesday

Schaumburg went 1-3 at the Tosh. The Saxons lost to Riverside -Brookfield, Glenbard West and Batavia and had a win over Leo.

Jordan Tunis continues to draw interest from college scouts. The sophomore averaged 14 points per game in the tournament. Also playing well for the Saxons was senior Edvin Bosjnak.

After their loss to Conant on Friday, Schaumburg (7-11) beat Elgin Academy on Saturday and lost to Rolling Meadows on Tuesday.

A team that really exceeded expectations was Hersey, which was seeded 13th at Pekin.

The Huskies first knocked off third-seeded Richwoods and then came back to beat the host Dragons.

That moved Hersey into the semifinals where they finally succumbed to eventual tournament winner Mt. Carmel. Hersey made sure that they came home with some solid hardware when they beat fourth-seeded Morton in the third-place game.

Max Meninga averaged 12.5 points and was named to the all-tournament team. Jonathan Ryg averaged 11.8 points, Jared Ryg 10.5 points and Jackson Hupp, 9.3 points.

Hersey (11-9) lost last Friday to Prospect by one point and to Palatine on Tuesday in double overtime.

Barrington finished third at the Hinkle tournament at Jacobs. Barrington, which went into the tournament unbeaten in the regular season, rolled past **Streamwood** and Cary-Grove in the first two games. The Broncos then dropped a four-overtime thriller to eventual champion Grayslake Central. Barrington beat Hoffman Estates for third place.

Dillon Schmidt and Donovan Nichols were both named to the all-tournament team.

The Broncos (13-1) came back a few days later to beat Hoffman again and Elk Grove on Tuesday.

Hoffman Estates (9-8) also had success at the Hinkle. The Hawks won their first two games before losing to runner-up Crystal Lake South and then to Barrington to finish fourth.

DJ Wallace was named to the all-tournament team with averages of 15.5 points, 8.0 rebounds and 4.5 blocks.

Elk Grove made their first trip to the Hinkle and went 1-3. They lost their first three games before rolling past **Streamwood**. Bronson Bartuch averaged 31 points per game while Josh Mottley and Dylan McCorry each averaged 10 points.

**To read the full article, click [here](#).**

# – Daily Herald –

## Glenbard West handles Larkin in super rematch

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By Lou Nunez Jr.

After a last-second win at Lyons Township Tuesday night that placed his Glenbard West unit within a half a game of the Lions in the West Suburban Silver, Hilltoppers coach Jason Opoka wasn't complaining.

"Hey, I'll take it," Opoka said prior to the Hilltoppers' home non conference tip versus **Larkin** at Biester Gym Wednesday evening.

After a 52-32 win in a contest that pitted them against the school it defeated 10 months ago at the Northern Illinois University supersectional en route to capturing a Class 4A state title, any complaints would be viewed as those of a positive and constructive nature as it earned its third straight victory and fifth in their last seven.

"Coach Opoka was telling us that we need to come in with the same mindset that we did with Lyons," West senior center Logan Brown said. "Come in (also) with the same intensity. Can't write any opponents off. We wanted to come out (and) work (offensively) inside out. Rebound well and defend like we do. I thought we executed really well."

That execution propelled the Hilltoppers (11-5) early on behind Brown's inside prowess. He tallied 10 of his game-high 23 points in the first half that saw their lead get as high as 26-10 on a putback with 3:12 left in the second.

Glenbard West took a 29-19 advantage at the break and then proceeded to blow the game wide-open thanks to a dominant third quarter where it outscored the visitors from the west side of **Elgin** 16-4 holding them to just 1-of-11 shooting from the floor giving the Hilltoppers a 45-23 advantage heading into the fourth.

"Early we got the ball inside and we got some tips, deflections and steals in the full court that we had some transition opportunities that gave us confidence and it always helps when you

make some shots from the outside," Opoka said. "Defensively, that's our bread and butter, we did a really nice job in 1-3-1 (defense) and we never looked back."

The **Royals** (6-11) got no closer than 45-30 on a Jacob Blakley 3-pointer with 5:02 to play.

Blakley led **Larkin** with 11 points.

"We're struggling on a couple of different levels," **Royals coach Deryn Carter** said. "Nothing that can't be fixed if the desire and the will's there to fix it. I know it is, so we'll get it fixed. Just trying to figure out our rotations and playing time and things like that while you're also trying to win."

The Hilltoppers return to WSC Silver play at Downers Grove North Friday evening while **Larkin** battles its crosstown rival **Elgin** the same night as it returns to Upstate Eight Conference action.

Brown feels having learned from his former teammates bodes well for his squad.

"We learned to fight last year during practice against some of the best guys in Illinois, so I think we're just carrying it over and trying to show people what we can do," Brown said.